

## U.S. Senator Judd Gregg, Chairman

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

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## House Makes a Strong Start on Head Start

HELP Cmte. Schedules June 10 Hearing on Senate Reauthorization

**Washington, DC**—Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions today announced that the HELP Committee will hold a June 10<sup>th</sup> hearing on Senate reauthorization of the Head Start program.

Chairman Gregg also made the following statement today on the introduction of legislation in the House of Representatives to reauthorize the Head Start Program.

"The introduction of legislation today in the House of Representatives is a strong start for the reauthorization and improvement of a critical early childhood program. Every child deserves the opportunity to begin school ready to learn. Head Start plays a vital role in that effort."

"The Senate will soon begin bipartisan discussions on many of the provisions included in the House legislation today. We plan to hold a hearing on Head Start reauthorization in early June and introduce a bill shortly thereafter. Preserving and improving this program for future generations of young learners is our highest priority and will be our guiding principal as we craft our proposal in the Senate."

"I commend my colleagues in the House for the hard work they have invested in this legislation and we look forward to working with them and with our Democratic colleagues in the Senate as we move this reauthorization forward."